

COMMUNITY RESOURCE **HANDBOOK**

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BANKS COUNTY HEAD START/PRE-K

This Community Resource Handbook has been compiled to aid the Banks County Head Start and Pre-K families in gaining access to community resources to meet family needs.

This handbook is a guide to agencies listing the contact person, telephone number, location, services provided, and eligibility requirements for each resource.



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ALPINE CENTER PSYCHO EDUCATIONAL CENTER

CONTACT: Patty Adkins, Site Coordinator

LOCATION: 280 Busha Road
Carnesville, Georgia 30521

TELEPHONE: (706) 384-4824

HOURS: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SERVICES: Alpine Center was established to serve severely emotionally disturbed and behaviorally disordered children and their families through psycho educational therapeutic intervention.

ELIGIBILITY: Referrals for the program are made through the student's local educational agency.

AMEDISYS HOME HEALTH CARE

CONTACT:	Central Home Health Care	Tugalo Home Health Agency
ADDRESS:	110 Mercer Place Toccoa, Georgia 30577	2565 Thompson Bridge Road Suite 204 & 205 Gainesville, Georgia 30501
TELEPHONE:	(706) 335-2302)	(770) 532-2013
SERVICES:	Nonprofit health care agency who provides care in the home of patients as ordered by the patient's doctor. Services provided include: Skilled Nursing Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Home Health Aides, Health and Nutritional Guidance and Limited Medical Supplies.	
ELIGIBILITY:	Patients receiving care in their home under Medicare and/or Medicaid must be essentially homebound, in need of skilled nursing care, physical therapy or speech therapy, and approved for such care by a doctor. For patients not under Medicare and/or Medicaid, care is provided as prescribed by a doctor regardless of homebound status.	
FEES:	Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance may cover all or part of the fees.	

AMERICAN RED CROSS – NORTHEAST GEORGIA CHAPTER

LOCATION: 675 White Sulphur Rd., Suite 230
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

TELEPHONE: (770) 532-8453 or 1-800-282-1722
www.redcross.org

SERVICES: Disaster relief; water safety; blood services; health and safety education.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone in need of assistance within the scope of above services.

FEES: Free or nominal fees, depending on service.

ATLANTA VETERAN'S CENTER

CONTACT: Nicole Kight

LOCATION: 1440 Dutch Valley Place
Atlanta, Georgia 30324

TELEPHONE: (404) 347-7264

HOURS: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Evening hours available.

SERVICES: Provides counseling and support services to all combat veterans.

BABIES CAN'T WAIT

CONTACT: Dru Thomas

TELEPHONE: (770) 531-4053

ADDRESS: 1856-3 Thompson Bridge Road
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

SERVICES: Coordinates early intervention services for special needs children and their families.

ELIGIBILITY: Children between the ages of birth to three with developmental delays and who meet state and federal program guidelines for determining eligibility.

FEES: Evaluations are free; service fees are based on family size and income.

BANKS COUNTY ADULT LEARNING CENTER

CONTACT: Lisa Prescott, Adult Education
Annie Thomas, Adult Education
Judy Crowe, Adult Education

LOCATION: 127 Hudson Valley Dr.
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-4302

HOURS: Monday, Wednesday 8:30 a.m- 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 p.m- 8:00 p.m.

SERVICES: The program serves individuals whose lack of basic educational background impairs their ability to find employment. It prepares adults to take the GED test.

ELIGIBILITY: Adults over 16 years of age. Anyone under 18 years of age must have a parent signature and withdrawal papers from school.

BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONTACT: Chris Erwin, Superintendent
Jean Marie Reese (Early Intervention Coordinator)

LOCATION: 102 Hwy 51 South
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-2224
www.banks.k12.ga.us

HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

SERVICES: Public school system, grades K - 12

BANKS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CONTACT: Chuck Ansley, President

LOCATION: 106 Yonah Homer Road (Historic Courthouse)
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-2108

HOURS: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

SERVICES: Promotes the economic, civic and cultural welfare of the Community. The program strives for business retention, expansion, recruitment and promotion. It also sponsors newcomer welcome packages and provides visitor information.

BANKS COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

CONTACT: Robin Trotter, Director

LOCATION: 226 Candler Street (Former Banks County Jail)
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-3667 or (706) 677-1303

HOURS: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday and Wednesday

SERVICES: Food pantry, clothing closet, emergency needs

ELIGIBILITY: Families in crisis

BANKS COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

CONTACT: Bob Waldorf, County Agriculture Agent
Gina Chappalear, County Extension Agent, 4-H

LOCATION: 413 Evans Street
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-6230

HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

SERVICES: Extends lifelong learning to Georgia citizens through unbiased, research-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth and families.

BANKS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

CONTACT: Debbie Paulk, Director
Libby Doran, Supervisor for Services

LOCATION: 423 Evans Street
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-2272

HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

SERVICES: Provides protective services to neglected or abused children as well as social services, such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, food stamps, foster care, and adoptions.

ELIGIBILITY: Families with children deprived of parental support, families neglecting or abusing children, people who are experiencing emergency financial crisis and need short term help and families with inadequate income to purchase food.

BANKS COUNTY HEAD START/PRE-K - NINTH DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY, INC

CONTACT: Jan B. Bertrang, Center Director

LOCATION: Banks County Head Start/ Pre-K
335 Evans Street
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-2963 Fax (706) 677-4329

HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SERVICES: Head Start and Georgia Pre-K are comprehensive pre-school programs that serve eligible 3- and 4-year-old children. The services provided to the children and their families include education, health, social services, parent involvement, nutrition, volunteer opportunities and services for children with disabilities. The program is NAEYC accredited.

ELIGIBILITY: Must meet age criteria. Head Start must meet income criteria. Georgia Pre-K is first come, first served.

BANKS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CONTACT: Ashley Smith, Office Manager
Jan Poole, Nurse Manager
Dale Carter, Environmental Health

LOCATION: 667 Thompson Street
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-2296

HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Closed noon – 1:00 P.M.)
First Thursday of each month, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
First Friday of each month, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SERVICES: Environmental Sanitation Unit: Foods, industrial and solid wastes, sewage disposal, etc.
Family Planning Unit: Counseling, contraceptive supplies, pregnancy testing, fertility counseling, etc.
Health Program Representative: V.D., T.B., Adult Health, Immunizations, etc.
Nursing and Health Education Unit: Prevention of communicable diseases, rehabilitation nursing, maternal and child health clinics, case finding, screening for vision, dental, congenital defects, home health, primary health care, and W.I.C.

BANKS COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

CONTACT: Joe Gailey, Director

LOCATION: 706 Thompson Street
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-4407

HOURS: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

SERVICES: Provides a safe and productive environment that enables children to learn and apply the principles of sportsmanship, teamwork, character, strength and dedication.

ELIGIBILITY: Participation is open to all boys and girls in Banks County.

FEES: Vary – Call for details or go online to www.bankscountyrec.org

BANKS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

CONTACT: Stacy Krumnow, Librarian

LOCATION: 226 Highway 51 South
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-3164
www.bcpl.us

HOURS: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Saturday

SERVICES: General library services, plus Internet, FAX, photocopier, laminating, scanning/copying, and computers with printer. Banks County Public Library is a member of the PINES library system in Georgia. Georgians with a PINES library card have access to materials beyond what is available on their local shelves and enjoy the benefits of a shared collection of 9.6 million books and other materials that can be delivered to their home library free of charge.

BANKS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM PARENT MENTOR PARTNERSHIP

- CONTACT:** Melinder Caudell, Parent Mentor
- LOCATION:** 266 Highway 51 South
Homer, Georgia. 30547
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 677-2355
- SERVICES:** Coordinates and locates early intervention services for special needs children and their families, as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part H. These children may be experiencing developmental delays or are at risk for delays due to an array of problems.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Children between the ages of birth to three with developmental delays or who are at risk for delays due to an array of problems. State and federal program guidelines for determining eligibility apply in all instances.
- FEES:** Evaluations are free of charge; service fees are based on family size and income.

BANKS COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

- CONTACT:** Sheila Ledford, Director
- LOCATION:** 700 Thompson Street
Homer, Georgia 30547
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 677-3275
- HOURS:** 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
- SERVICES:** Plans and implements a comprehensive program to reduce isolation. Services include homemaker-home health aide, nutrition (hot meals), outreach, information, referrals, counseling and transportation escort.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Adults and spouse, 60 years or older.

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL AGENCY OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

CONTACT: Lisa Bledsoe, Director

LOCATION: 3706 Atlanta Highway, Suite 1
Athens, Georgia 30606

TELEPHONE: (706) 543-6177
1-877-ALL-Georgia-KIDS (Toll free)
<http://www.qualitycareforchildren.org>

HOURS: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

SERVICES: Telephone referral service for parents looking for child care (family child care, child care centers, mom's day out, after school care, summer care and respite care, and special need's care). Offers training and technical assistance for programs and individuals offering child care.

CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY

CONTACT: Keith Harton

LOCATION: 28 Lee Street
Winder, Georgia 30680

TELEPHONE: 1-877-423-4746 or Local (770) 868-4180; Fax (770) 868-4183
<http://dcss.dhs.georgia.gov>

SERVICES: Aids in finding parents of children who have deserted their families and regain child support payments.

ELIGIBILITY: Parents and/or guardians seeking child support.

CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA

CONTACT: Jessica Thompson

LOCATION: 1001 Johnson Ferry Road NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30363

TELEPHONE: (404) 250-KIDS (5437)
<http://www.choa.org/>

SERVICES: Provides pediatric and orthopedic services for children.

ELIGIBILITY: Ages birth - 18 years. Must be recommended by a physician or health department.

FEES: Based on insurance.

CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES

CONTACT: Angie Williams, RN

LOCATION: 1856 Thompson Bridge Rd.
Gainesville, Georgia 30503

TELEPHONE: (770) 535-6907
<http://www.phdistrict2.org/>

SERVICES: Provides care through outpatient clinics for children with certain chronic medical problems.

ELIGIBILITY: Children birth through 21 years of age with a CMS eligible diagnosis. Medicaid, PeachCare and SSI are accepted. Referrals can be made by any agency or service provider.

CIRCLE OF HOPE

CONTACT: Any Staff

LOCATION: Address in Northeast Georgia is undisclosed for the safety of those who seek refuge. Call if shelter is needed.

TELEPHONE: (706) 776-HOPE (4673) Toll Free: 1-800-33 HAVEN
<http://www.gacircleofhope.org>

SERVICES: Providing services for victims of domestic violence in Northeast Georgia.

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA)

LOCATION: Jackson County Courthouse
5000 Jackson Parkway Suite 210
Jefferson, Georgia 30549

TELEPHONE: (706) 387-6375
www.piedmontcasa.org or www.casaforchildren.org

SERVICES: Helps foster children with CASA volunteers who will advocate for them in Juvenile Court proceedings.

ELIGIBILITY: Children in foster care.

FEES: None

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

CONTACT: Suzanne Burns RD, LD, CDE

LOCATION: Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Gainesville Georgia 30501

TELEPHONE: (770) 219-0966
<http://www.nghs.com/diabetes-support-group>

SERVICES: To provide diabetes patients with a wealth of information, knowledge and support.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

CONTACT: Robin Trotter

LOCATION: 413 Evans Street
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-1303, Fax (706) 677-1337
<http://www.gafcp.org/fcnetwork/banks>

HOURS: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SERVICES: Serves as the local decision-making body, bringing community partners together to develop, implement, and evaluate plans that address the serious challenges facing Georgia's children and families.

GATEWAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER

CONTACT: Jessica Butler, Program Director

LOCATION: Confidential location in Gainesville, Georgia 30503. Call if shelter is needed.

TELEPHONE: (770) 536-5860 or 1-800-33HAVEN
<http://www.gatewaydvcenter.org/index.asp>

HOURS: 24 hours per day - crisis situations
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - regular situations

SERVICES: Provides shelter and free counseling for battered women and their children.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
GEORGIA MOUNTAINS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

LOCATIONS: Georgia Department of Labor Georgia Mountains Workforce Investment Board
37 Foreacre Street 2481 Hilton Drive
Toccoa, Georgia 30577 Gainesville, Georgia 30501

TELEPHONE: (706) 282-4514 (770) 538-2727; (770) 538-2730 FAX
<http://www.dol.state.ga.us>

HOURS: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

SERVICES: Provides education and training to eligible individuals to enhance their current skills or learn a new trade.

ELIGIBILITY: Adults and dislocated workers who are determined suitable for Workforce Development-funded Adult services by a Workforce Development staff member or knowledgeable GDOL Career Center staff member.

GEORGIA RESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

CONTACT: Linda Dean, Office Manager
Georgia Department of Community Affairs

LOCATION: Athens Regional Office, DCA
1061 Dowdy Rd
Athens, Georgia 30606

TELEPHONE: (706) 369-5636 or (888) 858-6085 toll free for basic information

SERVICES: Assists low-income families with rent in long-term, eligible housing.

GRACE POINT RANCH / COMMUNITY CARE CENTER

CONTACT: Kelly McDuffie

LOCATION: 5899 Old Highway 441 North
Baldwin, Georgia 30511

TELEPHONE: (706) 776-7491
<http://www.gracepointnow.org>

SERVICES: Connects people and build community through relationships, discipleship and outdoor activities that offer opportunities of hope, healing and grace. The Grace Point Community Care Center is a once-monthly opportunity for families in the area to receive a hot meal, bag of food and clothing. Each month the Care Center is open from 5 p.m. -7 p.m. on the third Tuesday.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

CONTACT: Jenna Charles, Director of Housing Management

LOCATION: 437 South Pond Street
Toccoa, Georgia 30577

TELEPHONE: (706) 886-9455

HOURS: In Banks County every Tuesday; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

SERVICES: Provides homes for low-income families at rent they can afford; cooperates with local agencies; assist tenant groups to plan and promote recreational programs and some welfare services and jobs for community service

ELIGIBILITY: Sliding scale based on income, available apartment size and number in family.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE - UNITED STATES TAX ASSISTANCE

LOCATION: Federal Building,
329 Oak Street
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

TELEPHONE: 1-800-829-1040 (toll free information & assistance).
www.irs.gov

HOURS: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SERVICES: Assists taxpayers in filling out IRS returns and auditing of tax returns.

JUVENILE COURT

CONTACT: Judge Kevin Guidry

LOCATION: Banks County Courthouse
144 Yonah Homer Road
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: Office: (706) 677-6243

SERVICES: Hears petitions brought before the Juvenile Court in the Piedmont Judicial Circuit and renders decisions in those cases and works closely with other agencies dealing with juveniles.

LANIER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- CONTACT:** Office of Admissions
- LOCATION:** 2990 Landrum Education Drive
Oakwood, Georgia 30566
- TELEPHONE:** (770) 531-6300
<http://www.laniertech.edu>
- HOURS:** 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday- Thursday
- SERVICES:** Workforce development resource by providing the following:
- career-technical education programs, offered through traditional and distance delivery methods, leading to associate degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates of credit;
 - customized business and industry training and economic development services;
 - continuing education for technical and professional development; and
 - adult education services.
- Counseling, job placement, and financial aid are available.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Anyone meeting eligibility requirements.

LEGAL AID GEORGIA LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

- LOCATION:** 705 Washington Street NW, Suite B1
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
- TELEPHONE:** (770) 535-5717 or 1-800-745-5717
<http://www.glsp.org>
- HOURS:** 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Monday-Thursday (Intake calls for services)
- SERVICES:** Provides legal services to the indigent population in non-criminal matters.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Must meet income guidelines.

MENTAL HEALTH/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

- CONTACT:** Janice McAllister, Service Director
- LOCATION:** 196 Scoggins Drive
Demorest Georgia 30535
- TELEPHONE:** (706) 894-3700
www.gamtns.org
- HOURS:** 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
- SERVICES:** Provides the full range of mental health services, include out-patient and consultation/education to adults and children. Special services provided for alcoholics include ambulatory detoxification, education and supportive group therapy.
- ELIGIBILITY:** No restrictions.
- FEES:** Fees for mental health and alcohol rehabilitation determined by ability to pay.

NINTH DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY, INC. COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

CONTACT: Christy Hill, Community Resource Coordinator

LOCATION: 110 Shortest Street
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-3921, Fax (706) 677-5143

HOURS: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

SERVICES: Services are provided by the agency pending availability of funds.

CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

- Assessment, counseling services and family enrichment services
- Development of individualized case plans
- Enrollment in special community projects
- Coordination of clothing, furniture or other personal care items

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

- Job coaching/referral/placement
- Assistance with obtaining child support and other resource benefits, i.e.; child care

BUDGET COUNSELING & DEVELOPMENT

- Counseling/Referral to credit counseling services
- Money management training and budget counseling

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

- Homeless Prevention and Re-location assistance
- Weatherization Services for the Home
- Installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors (Weatherization)

HEALTH

- Assessment/Referral to proper resources for timely immunizations
- Dissemination of information regarding health information and resources
- Coordination of health awareness and promotion activities (Health Fairs)
- Purchase of prescription medicine
- Assistance for free/reduced rate prescription medicine (non-insured)

NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

- Provision of food assistance and other special feeding initiatives
- Application assistance for SNAP benefits

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

- Arranging for payment for past due utility
- Referral for other energy related services
- SCANA Regulated Referral to establish utility service
- Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (opens to 65+ and homebound in November, general public December)

ELIGIBILITY: Target population includes families with young children, elderly and or disabled. All individuals must meet the income eligibility guidelines as set forth by the funding source (125% to 200% of poverty).

NORTHEAST GEORGIA MEDICAL CENTER

- LOCATION:** 743 Spring Street, NE
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
- TELEPHONE:** (770) 535-3553, Doctor Network (770) 219-3400 for referrals
www.nghs.com
- HOURS:** Offices: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday
24 hour emergency
Quick Care 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- SERVICES:** Full range in-patient diagnostic and treatment facilities;
outpatient services and surgery; chemical dependency unit;
emergency room services; patient representatives; patient education.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Physician referral necessary except to emergency room.
Application procedures should be handled through the attending physician.
- FEES:** Questions regarding fees should be referred to the hospital.

NORTHEAST GEORGIA SPEECH AND HEARING CENTER

- CONTACT:** Diane Brower, Director
- LOCATION:** 604 Washington Street
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
- TELEPHONE:** (770) 534-5141
www.negaspeechcenter.org
- HOURS:** 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday
- SERVICES:** Speech and Language. TLC (preschool) Program.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Any child or adult having, or suspected of having, a speech,
language or hearing problem.
- FEES:** Medicaid accepted.

NORTHRIDGE MEDICAL AND REHABILITATION CENTER

CONTACT: Steve Clapp, Chief Executive
Joy King, Nursing Home Administrator

LOCATION: 70 Medical Center Drive
Commerce, Georgia 30529

TELEPHONE: (706) 335-1000
www.northridgehospital.org

HOURS: 24 hours a day

SERVICES: Emergency services, x-ray, laboratory, operating room, general hospital services, plus a 167-bed skilled nursing home.

FEES: Accepts Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance.

PARENT TO PARENT OF GEORGIA, INC

LOCATION: 3070 Presidential Parkway Suite 207
Atlanta, Georgia 30340

TELEPHONE: Toll Free: 1-800-229-2038
www.p2pga.org

HOURS: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

SERVICES: Provides support and information for parents of children with all types of disability or chronic illness.

ELIGIBILITY: Parents with children with disabilities or chronic illnesses.

PEACE PLACE, INC

CONTACT: Shannon Willis, Director

LOCATION: Winder, Georgia 30680

TELEPHONE: Toll Free: 1-800-33-HAVEN or (770) 586-8239
www.peaceplaceinc.org

SERVICES: 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter, transitional housing, outreach services, legal assistance, counseling, and support.

ELIGIBILITY: Victims and survivors of domestic violence.

PIEDMONT RAPE CRISIS CENTER

CONTACT: Susan Cash, Director

LOCATION: 220 East Broad Street
Winder, Georgia 30680

TELEPHONE: (770) 586-5423
www.piedmontrapecrisis.org

SERVICES: Providing confidential support to sexual assault victims, while helping to identify their options, advocating for the rights of survivors to be in control of the decisions that affect them, and supporting the decisions made by survivors.

ELIGIBILITY: Adults over 18 who are victims of sexual assault.

FEES: Free

POTTER'S HOUSE THRIFT STORE – ATLANTA UNION MISSION

CONTACT: Leslie Zelaya, Manager

LOCATION: 1416 South Broad Street
Commerce, Georgia 30529

TELEPHONE: (706) 335-7461

HOURS: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday

SERVICES: Provides clothing, furniture and appliances at a minimal cost.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone may make purchases at the Potter's House.

POTTER'S HOUSE ALCOHOL RECOVERY CENTER

CONTACT: Kevin Montford, Program Director

LOCATION: 655 Potters House Road
Jefferson, Georgia 30549

TELEPHONE: (706) 543-8338

SERVICES: Program for the rehabilitation of chemically addicted males.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicant must be sober and sign statement for commitment to a one year minimum stay.

REGIONAL YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

CONTACT: Stanley Davis, Director

LOCATION: 450 Crescent Drive
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

TELEPHONE: (770) 535-5465

SERVICES: Referral and detention, diagnosis of juveniles referred by court.

ELIGIBILITY: Juveniles up to 17 years of age must be referred by court staff and/or police.

REHABILITATION INDUSTRIES OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

CONTACT: Paula Phillips, Executive Director

LOCATION: 930 Athens Street
Gainesville, Georgia 30503

TELEPHONE: (770) 535-7464
www.rehabindustries.org

HOURS: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday; 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Friday

SERVICES: Provides vocational services to individuals with disabilities to reach independence and self-sufficiency through training, support and advocacy.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSES

CONTACT: Kay Camacho, House Manager

LOCATION: 795 Gatewood Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

TELEPHONE: (404) 315-1133 (Information)

SERVICES: A "home away from home" for families of children who are hospitalized.

ELIGIBILITY: Families of children who are being treated at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and other area hospitals. Services on an "as needed" basis.

FEES: \$20 contribution per night if individual's financial situation permits.

HOW TO APPLY: Requests for Ronald House are made through the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta hospital admitting office.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

CONTACT: Marlin Holis, Loan Specialist

LOCATION: 555 Monroe St
Clarkesville, Georgia 30523

TELEPHONE: (706) 754-6239

HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SERVICES: Loans to rural families for home ownership. Low-interest loans for moderate low-income persons for home ownership. Low-interest loans for home repair. Grants available for age 62 and over for home repairs related to health.

SALVATION ARMY

CONTACT: Lt. Ruth Kenyon

LOCATION: 306 East Franklin Street
Toccoa, Georgia 30577

TELEPHONE: (706) 886-5293

HOURS: 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SERVICES: Thrift store, rent assistance, utilities assistance, clothing and food assistance, disaster relief services, youth character building programs.

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

LOCATION: 2565 Thompson Bridge Road, Suite 210,
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

TELEPHONE: Toll Free: 1-800-772-1213
www.socialsecurity.gov

HOURS: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Wednesday

SERVICES: Assists in administering all programs under the Social Security Act, as a representative of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

ELIGIBILITY: Requirements vary by program.

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

LOCATION: 1684 Barnett Shoals Road
Athens, Georgia 30605

TELEPHONE: (706) 549-4893
www.cancer.org

HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SERVICES: Serves patients with cancer; to raise funds for research; to educate the public to the dangers of cancer; to provide transportation, medications and supplies.

ELIGIBILITY: Diagnosis of cancer

FEES: None

THE TREE HOUSE INC

CONTACT: Becky Lee, Executive Director

LOCATION: 173 Highland Drive
Winder, Georgia 30680

TELEPHONE: (770) 868-1900
www.thetreehouseinc.org

SERVICES: The Tree House, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to reduce the impact and occurrence of child abuse through counseling, educating, support, and nurturing children and families.

TRANSPORTATION: TRANS-A-VAN

CONTACT: Shelia Ledford, Banks Co. Senior Center

LOCATION: 700 Thompson Street
Homer, Georgia 30547

TELEPHONE: (706) 677-1835

SERVICES: Provide low cost transportation for necessities.

ELIGIBILITY: Banks County residents only. Please provide 24 hour notice.

FEES: Call for rates.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

LOCATION: Gainesville Campus
3820 Mundy Mill Rd.
Oakwood, Georgia 30566

TELEPHONE: 678-717-3639

HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday- Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday

SERVICES: The University of North Georgia was formed through the consolidation of North Georgia College & State University and Gainesville State College. The university offers more than 100 programs of study ranging from certificate and associate's degrees to professional doctoral programs.

USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY

CONTACT: Director, John W. Jackson

LOCATION: 1458 Ila Road
Commerce, Georgia 30530

TELEPHONE: (706) 335-8111

HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

SERVICES: Financial assistance for soil conservation practices on farms.
Price support for farm commodities and disaster programs.

ELIGIBILITY: Farm owners and operators.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS AND REGIONAL OFFICE

LOCATION: 1700 Clairmont Rd.
Decatur, Georgia 30033

TELEPHONE: 1-800-827-1000 (toll free)
www.va.gov

SERVICES: Answers questions about benefits available to veterans and their families who are residents of Georgia.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

CONTACT: Mary Wareham, Rehab. Unit Manager

LOCATION: 2756 Atlanta Hwy,
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

TELEPHONE: (770) 535-5468

HOURS: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SERVICES: Contributes to employment for persons with disabilities.

ELIGIBILITY: Any person with a mental or physical disability which constitutes a substantial handicap to employment.

FEES: Based on income.

***RESOURCE DIRECTORY TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Aid Atlanta	404-872-0600
Georgia Chapter. of the Alzheimer's Assoc.	404-728-1181
American Cancer Society	404-816-7800
American Diabetes Association	404-320-7100
American Heart Association	770-952-1316
Arthritis Foundation	404-872-7100
Community Support Services	770-471-4617
Autism Society of America	770-904-4474
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	404-325-6973
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Nurse Line	404-250-KIDS
Emory University Switchboard	404-727-6123
Georgia Baptist Children's Home, Inc.	770-463-3800
Helen Keller Foundation	404-766-9625
Hemophilia of Georgia, Inc.	770-518-8272
Georgia Lions Lighthouse	404-325-3630
Muscular Dystrophy Association	770-621-9800
National Kidney Foundation of Georgia	770-452-1539
Parent to Parent of Georgia, Inc.	770-451-5484
Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia Inc.	404-755-1641
United Cerebral Palsy of Georgia	770-676-2000
Office of Community Health/Maternal & Child	404-657-3143

*** Please note that these are not toll free numbers.**

TOLL FREE NUMBERS

ALCOHOLISM

800-729-6686 Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

ALZHEIMER'S

800-272-3900 Alzheimer's Association

BLINDNESS/VISION

800-424-8666 American Council of the Blind
800-232-5463 American Foundation for the Blind
800-248-6701 Georgia Library for Accessible Services
800-222-3937 Eye Care America
800-424-8567 National Library Services for the Blind and the Physically Handicapped

BURN VICTIMS

800-237-5055 International Shriners Headquarters (Patient Referral Line)

CANCER SUPPORT GROUPS

888-441-CURE Bosom Buddies of Georgia Inc.
770-538-2010 Reach Out Breast Cancer Support Group
770-535-3559 Cancer Support Group

CAREER COUNSELING

800-848-4815 Education Training CECT
800-526-7234 Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

CEREBRAL PALSY

800-872-5827 UCPA Affiliate Relations Division

CHILD ABUSE

800-422-4453 Child Help National Hotline (Sexual Abuse Victims & Family)

CLEFT PALATE

800-242-5338 Cleft Palate Foundation (CLEFTLINE)

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

800-638-8255 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
800-221-2483 National Center for Stuttering (NCS)

DISEASES/DISORDERS

800-638-8299 American Kidney Foundation
800-543-3131 American Leprosy Missions
800-444-6443 Brain Injury Association of America
800-225-5750 Educators Publishing Service, Inc., Specific Language Disabilities
800-451-6434 Human Growth Foundation for Growth Disorders
800-345-4372 Huntington's Disease Society of America
800-222-3123 International Dyslexia Society
800-223-1138 Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Hotline
800-633-2339 National Kidney Foundation of Georgia
800-558-0121 Lupus Foundation of America
800-222-5864 National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory
800-421-8453 National Association for Sickle Cell Disease, Inc
800-422-6237 National Cancer Institute Information Service
800-344-4823 National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
800-232-6372 National Down Syndrome Congress
800-221-4602 National Down Syndrome Society
800-999-6673 National Organization for Rare Disorders
800-327-4545 National Parkinson Foundation
800-227-8922 American Social Health Association
800-621-3141 Spina Bifida Hotline

DRUG INFORMATION

800-662-4357 Center For Substance Abuse/ Mental Health Treatment Services
800-729-6686 National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information

EMPLOYMENT

800-526-7234 Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

HEALTH SERVICES FINANCIAL AID

800-638-0742 Federal Hill-Burton Free Care Program
800-633-4227 Medicare

HEALTH INFORMATION

800-336-4797 National Health Information Center
800-222-5864 Lung line for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine

MEDIA

800-321-8708 Handicapped Media, Inc

MEDICAL DEVICES

800-638-6725 Practitioner's Reporting System

MENTAL RETARDATION

800-424-3688 American Association on Mental Retardation
800-433-5255 Association for Retarded Citizens of the United States (ARC)

MISSING CHILDREN

800-843-5678 National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

NEUROLOGICAL IMPAIRMENT/PARALYSIS

800-843-2256 National Headache Foundation

NUTRITION

800-282-5852 Georgia Dept. of Agriculture Consumer Service
800-282-5853 Beech-Nut Nutrition Hotline

ORGAN DONORS

800-528-2971 The Living Bank

ORTHOPEDIC PROBLEMS

800-237-5055 International Shriners Headquarters

PESTICIDES

800-858-7378 National Pesticides Information Center

POISON CONTROL CENTER

800-222-1222 National Poison Control/Poison Control Center

RARE DISORDERS

800-223-8355	Cornelia DeLang Syndrome Foundation
800-999-6673	National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)
800-233-7393	National Reye's Syndrome Foundation
800-225-6872	Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance

SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS)

800-221-7437	National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Foundation
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NATIONAL RUNAWAY SWITCHBOARD

800-621-4000	National Runaway Switchboard www.1800runaway.org
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SURGERY

800-633-4227	National Medicare Hotline
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TOYS

800-638-2772	Consumer Product Safety Commission
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TRAUMA

800-556-7890	American Trauma Society
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STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS

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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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1-202-456-1414
www.whitehouse.gov

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www.georgia.gov

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Atlanta, Georgia 30334
1-886-351-0001
1-404-656-6739 (Fax)

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214 State Capitol
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1-404-656-2881
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Washington, DC 20510
1-202-224-3643
1-404-347-2202 (Georgia)

U.S. Representative Doug Collins
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Washington, DC 20515
1-202-225-9893

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Toccoa, Georgia 30577
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(404) 463-5257 (Capitol)

State Representative Dan Gasaway
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Homer, Georgia 30547
(404) 656-0325 (Capitol)

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Probate Judge Betty Jean Thomas
144 Yonah Homer Road
Homer, Georgia 30547
706-677-6250

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Homer, Georgia 30547
706-677-6204

District Attorney Brad Smith
144 Yonah Homer Road
Homer, Georgia 30547
706-677-6205

Clerk of Superior Court Tim Harper
144 Yonah Homer Road
Homer, Georgia 30547
706-677-6243

Magistrate Court Judge Ivan Mote
144 Yonah Homer Road
Homer, Georgia 30547
706-677-6270

County Commissioners
Banks County Courthouse Annex
150 Hudson Ridge, Suite. 1
Homer, Georgia 30547
706-677-6800

Jimmy Hooper -- Chairman
David Duckett -- Member
Danny Maxwell -- Member
Sammy Reece -- Member
Charles Turk -- Member

Sheriff Carlton Speed
160 Windmill Farm Road
Homer, Georgia 30547
706-677-2248

SAFE KIDS RESOURCE PAGE

General Safety

Safe Kids USA	www.safekids.org
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta	www.choa.org
Georgia Department of Community Health	www.dch.georgia.gov
CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention/ Control	www.cdc.gov
Emory Center for Injury Control	www.emorycenterforinjurycontrol.org
Georgia Division of Public Health	www.health.state.ga.us
Children's Safety Network	www.childrenssafetynetwork.org
National Safety Council	www.nsc.org
Georgia Safe Routes to School	www.dot.state.ga.us
American Academy of Pediatrics	www.aap.org
Consumer Federation of America	www.consumerfed.org
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission	www.cpsc.gov
My Family Health Spot	www.myfamilyhealthspot.org

Motor Vehicle Safety

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	www.nhtsa.dot.gov
Governor's Office of Highway Safety	www.gohs.state.ga.us
Georgia Traffic Injury Prevention Institute	www.ridesafesgeorgia.org
National Transportation Safety Board Child Seat Safety	www.nts.gov
American Academy of Pediatrics-Car Seat Guide	www.aap.org
Motor Vehicle Occupant Injury: The Community Guide	www.thecommunityguide.org
Buckle Up America	www.buckleupamerica.org
SafetyBeltSafe USA	www.carseat.org
Kids in Cars	www.kidsincars.org
Kids and Cars	www.kidsandcars.org
Car Seat Check Listings	www.seatcheck.org

Bike and Pedestrian Safety

National Center for Bicycling and Walking	www.bikewalk.org
Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute	www.helmets.org
Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center	www.bicyclinginfo.org
Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals	www.apbp.org
Georgia Department of Transportation	www.dot.state.ga.us
Walk Your Child to School Day	www.walktoschool-usa.org
Georgia Safe Routes to School	www.dot.state.ga.us

Fire Safety

National Fire Protection Agency	www.nfpa.org
U.S. Fire Administration	www.usfa.fema.gov/kids
Sparky the Fire Dog	www.sparky.org
FIREPROOF Children	www.fireproofchildren.com
Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation	www.gfbf.org

Water Safety

National Safe Boating Council
National Recreation and Parks Association
American Red Cross
National Water Safety Program
US Coast Guard
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

www.safeboatingcouncil.org
www.nrpa.org
www.redcross.org
www.watersafety.usace.army.mil
www.uscgboating.org
www.gadnr.org

Poison Safety

Georgia Poison Center
Poison Prevention Week Council
National Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning
Healthy Homes Initiative
American Association of Poison Control Centers
Georgia Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
Environmental Protection Agency

www.gpc.dhr.georgia.gov
www.poisonprevention.org
www.aeclp.org
www.hud.gov
www.aapcc.org
www.health.state.ga.us
www.epa.gov

Home Safety

Home Safety Council
Safe Sitter

www.homesafetycouncil.org
www.safesitter.org

Infant Safety

American Academy of Pediatrics
Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine
First Candle
National SIDS and Infant Death Project IMPACT
The National Sudden Infant Death Resource Center
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

www.aap.org
www.bfmed.org
www.firstcandle.org
www.sidsprojectimpact.com
www.sidscenter.org
www.cpsc.gov

Sports Safety

National Athletic Trainer's Association
American College of Sports Medicine
American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons
National Youth Alliance for Youth Sports

www.nata.org
www.acsm.org
www.orthoinfo.aaos.org
www.nays.org

Farm Safety

Farm Safety 4 Just Kids
John Deere
National Children's Center for Rural/ Agricultural Health/Safety

www.fs4jk.org
www.deere.com
www3.marshfieldclinic.org/NCCRAHS

